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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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DATE ENTERED

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Goshen Land Company Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 746 over Calfpasture River

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Goshen

VICINITY OF

Sixth (M. Caldwell Butler)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Rockbridge

CODE

163

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

X STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

X PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

X TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Va. Dept. of Highways and Transportation

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. V.D.H.&T. (Structure No. 6145)

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

V.D.H.&T.-Metal Truss Bridges in Va. (1865-1932) Staunton Construction

DATE

May 1975 (V.H.T.R.C. 75-R53)

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS V.H.&T. Research Council

CITY, TOWN

Charlottesville

STATE

Virginia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A through Pratt truss consisting of two spans - one 138' 10" long and the other 120' 10". The bridge is on a 30° skew.

The trusses and end posts are two upright channels connected with cover plates and lacing bars. The posts are two vertical channels connected with latticing.

Portal has ornate cresting sign and end posts finials as well as latticed portal struts. Lateral and sway struts are closely spaced with lacing bar sway braces. For all this delightful detailing, the bridge has a simple 2-pipe railing. Floor planks are laid diagonally.

The limestone substructure includes coursed, tooled ashlar masonry piers of large limestone blocks. The abutments are coursed tooled ashlar masonry.

The following inscription is on the back side of the bridge plate

Goshen Land & Imp. Co.
Col. R. P. Chew, President
J. Fred Effinger, Vice President
C. L. Cook, Secretary & Treasurer
C. P. Ehrman, General Manager
D. C. Humphries, Engineer.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Groton Bridge Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The bridge was built in 1890 by the Groton Bridge Company for the Goshen Land and Improvement Company, during the period when the valley area was undergoing a "boom" and the developers of Goshen hoped their own town would become "the Birmingham of America". Among several interesting features, this bridge has an ornate cresting sign listing the officers of the Goshen Company.

The 30° skew is very unusual for the bridges this size in Virginia.

Using the criteria for significance (June 1977) developed by the Research Council, this bridge received a rating of 24.0 out of a possible 27.0 points.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- (1) V.D.H.&T. Metal Truss Bridges in Virginia (1865-1932) - Staunton Construction District (VHTRC-75-R-53)
- (2) Va. Cavalcade Magazine

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,7 63,224,0 4,210,505,0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Limits of Structure

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

W. S. G. Britton III

ORGANIZATION

Va. Dept. of Hwys. & Trans.

STREET & NUMBER

1221 East Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

DATE

TELEPHONE

STATE

Virginia

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE NOV 15 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

GEORGE WASHINGTON

NATIONAL FOREST

USGS 7.5' quadrangle
Goshen, Va.

(Scale: 1:24000)
1967

GOSHEN LAND COMPANY BRIDGE, ROCKBRIDGE CO., VA
UTM Reference:

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